Proclamation

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Steven L. Beshear Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is blessed with diverse forests that extend from the hardwood forests of the east to the cypress sloughs of the west; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a sustainable resource providing significant environmental and economic benefits to Kentuckians; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's forest products are a 6.3 billion dollar green industry employing over 22,500 people; and

WHEREAS, Trees enhance our air quality, purify our water resources, protect our soil, supply a source of renewable energy, and provide valuable wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Forests improve our health by offering a place of recreation and solace; and

WHEREAS, Trees and healthy forests enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2010, as

ARBOR DAY

in Kentucky, I urge all citizens across this great Commonwealth to participate in the observance of this day by planting at least one tree. Our reward and that of future generations will be a more beautiful Kentucky, whose health and well being are sustained by this great natural resource – our forests.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 4th day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 218th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR GOVERNOR

Trey Grayson / Secretary of State

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